

Savannah River Site

Possible Worker Exposures

Workers may have been exposed to such hazardous things as plutonium, tritium, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), trichloroethylene, cadmium, chromium, heavy metals, lead, mercury, silica, solvents and welding fumes.

Important Contact Information

U.S. Department of Energy Workers' Compensation Helpline (toll-free): **877-447-9756**

U.S. Department of Energy Benefits Website: <http://www.eh.doe.gov/benefits>

Site Background

The Department of Energy's Savannah River Site was constructed during the early 1950s to produce tritium and plutonium, which are used in nuclear weapons. Major operational changes at the site and a shift in operations in the late 1980s has led to the permanent closure of the site's reactors. The Savannah River Site is located on 310 square miles of land in South Carolina, 25 miles southeast of Augusta, Georgia.

Management and Operating Contractor:	Westinghouse Savannah River Company
Number of current contractor employees:	13,500 (estimated)
Historical number of contractor employees:	100,000 (estimated)